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CHAPTER 29: DESCEND

IF I WERE TO BE INJURED WHILE UNDER THE SUN, THEN MY WOUNDS WOULD WORSEN.
BUT YOU CAN STILL USE AROUND 80% OF YOUR POWER
AND UNLIKE THE EARLIER VAMPIRES, YOU WON'T TURN INTO DUST?
MY BODY HAS CONQUERED THE SUN.

THE SUN CAN NO LONGER KILL ME.
CHAPTER 29: DESCEND

...WHY
WHY DID YOU HIDE THIS FACT?
I WASN'T HIDING IT.
EVEN THOUGH NIGHT IS ALSO ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PHAMPIRES
I'VE CONCLUDED THAT ACTION DURING THE NIGHT AND REST DURING THE DAY IS MOST EFFICIENT FOR ME
IT'S EASIER TO MOVE ABOUT AT NIGHT BESIDES. IF I WERE TO ENGAGE IN BATTLE WITH THE BLACK SWAN, NIGHT IS STILL MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ME
IF I WERE TO GET INJURED IN THE DAYTIME THE INJURY WOULD MOST LIKELY BE FATAL.
.....

BRIDGET KNOWS
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE OTHERS.
DO THE DHAMPIRES KNOW OF THIS ?
EVEN IF I WERE TO CLAIM THAT I HAD CONQUERED THE SUN, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT.
EVEN IF THEY DID BELIEVE IT
IT WOULD ONLY HAVE DEEPENED THEIR FEARS TOWARD ME SO I DIDN'T TELL THEM
THE HUMANS HAVE ALSO COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT
EVEN SO
EVEN SO, BRIDGET SHOULD HAVE TOLD THE BLACK SWAN'S HOST ABOUT THIS
THIS ONLY HAPPENED BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW ...'

DON'T BE SO ANGRY
THE BLACK SWAN IN THE END, IS ONLY HUMAN
SHE'S PROBABLY AFRAID THAT
IF THIS NEWS WERE TO SPREAD TO THE HUMAN WORLD, IT MIGHT CAUSE THE SAME CHAOS AS BEFORE!
.....?
DO YOU STILL NOT UNDER-STAND?

IT'S BECAUSE I HAD CONQUERED THE SUN
THAT, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THE HUMANS HAD ALLIED TOGETHER TO DESTROY THE NIGHT MONARCHY...
AND WHY MY OWN PEOPLE WANTED TO EXECUTE ME.

EVEN RECENTLY BORN DHAMPIRES, WHO HAVE VERY DILUTED VAMPIRE BLOOD, SUFFER UNDER THE SUN.
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A VAMPIRE WHO COULDN'T BE DESTROYED BY THE SUN.

TO THE VAMPIRE RACES, THE SUN IS AN ETERNAL FEAR THAT MARKS THEIR DEATH SENTENCE.
WHEN SOMEONE WHO HAD MANAGED TO CONQUER THE SUN APPEARED, THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY.
BUT. .
THE FACT THAT OUR RACES WERE VULNERABLE TO THE SUN...
WAS THE ONLY REASON WHY THE HUMANS WERE WILLING TO MAKE PEACE WITH US.
THUS, THE HUMANS DECIDED TO "CO-EXIST WITH THE VAMPIRES."
THE DAY BELONGED TO THE HUMANS
BUT, WHAT IF THE DAY ...
WAS INVADED BY THE VAMPIRES ?

IF THE SUN ... IF THE SUN CAN'T EVEN STOP HIM ...
THEN WHO CAN?
AND WHAT IF THE VAMPIRE THAT HAD CONQUERED THE SUN, IS THE SAME ONE, THAT IN THE NIGHT WORLD...
AND A CUNNING INTELLIGENCE TO MATCH ...
AN IMMORTAL BODY THAT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY A PLANET ...
WIELDS OVERWHELMING STRENGTH AND POWER? WHAT IF IT WAS GOTTFRIED STRAUSS?
NOT JUST THE NIGHT, WHAT IF HE STOOD IN THE DAY WORLD ...
HE COULD CONTROL ALL TIME AND THE WORLD!
NO! HE WOULD BECOME THE KING OF BOTH DAY AND NIGHT!

STRAUSS DOES NOT HAVE ANY AMBITION TO DO SO.
BUT JUST THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM "RULING EVERYTHING" IS TERRIFYING ENOUGH FOR ALL THE HUMANS TO ALLY TOGETHER.
SO THE NIGHT MONARCHY'S ELDERS, WHO WISHED TO AVOID WAR...
DECIDED TO KILL THEIR KING AS A MEANS TO GET RID OF THIS TERROR.
BECAUSE I FEAR NOTHING, EVERYBODY FEARS ME.
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT EVERYONE WANTED TO KILL ME!
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE REASON WHY WE KNOW THAT STRAUSS CAN'T BE DESTROYED BY THE SUN...
IS BECAUSE HE WANTED TO PROVE THAT HE ISN'T "SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE FEARED."
THAT WAS...

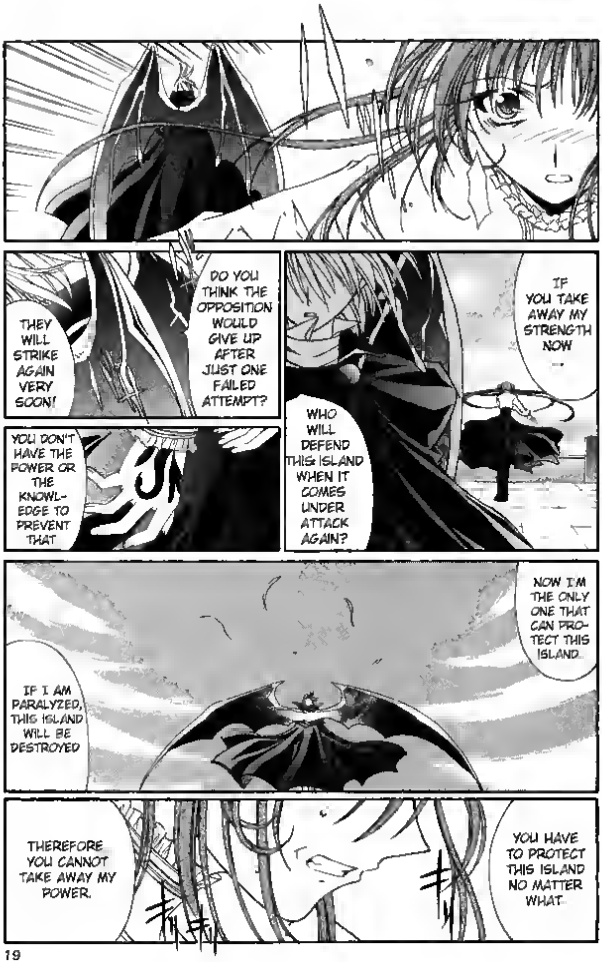
BACK IN STRAUSS' NINTH YEAR OF RULING, DURING THE CONFERENCE TO RENEW THE PEACE TREATY.
AS THE KING, STRAUSS WAS FEARED BY EVERYONE. EVEN THOUGH HE COULD ONLY MOVE ABOUT AT NIGHT.
I AM JUST AN ORDINARY VAMPIRE.
THE FEAR WAS BECOMING A REASON FOR WARFARE.
EVEN THOUGH I COMMAND ENORMOUS POWER DURING THE NIGHT, IN THE DAY, ALL YOU NEED IS THE SUN TO TURN THIS BODY INTO DUST.
IF MY STRENGTH IS HINDERING THE PEACE...
THEN I'LL PROVE TO YOU USING THIS HAND OF MINE!
AND SO, TO PROVE THAT EVEN STRAUSS IS POWERLESS UNDER THE SUN...
HE PLACED HIS HAND UNDER THE SUN.

IT SHOULD HAVE ONLY TAKEN SECONDS TO TURN HIS HAND INTO DUST.
NOTHING HAPPENED.
BUT...
WHY.....
WHY IS THIS.....?

十月
STRAUSS HAD NOT KNOWN OF HIS IMMUNITY TOWARDS THE SUN BEFOREHAND.
THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED.
"YOUR BODY STILL WON'T HEAL EVEN AFTER HUNDREDS OF YEARS."
THAT'S WHAT WAS TAUGHT TO US AS WE GREW UP. WHO WOULD HAVE DARED TO TRY IT?
"THE SUN WILL KILL IN AN INSTANT, EVEN IF YOU'RE SAVED..."

BUT THIS REVELATION MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE SUFFERING FOR THE VAMPIRE RACES
IT WAS SO STUPID FOR SOMEONE TO BE OVER 200 YEARS OLD AND NEVER REALIZE THAT THE SUN COULD NOT HURT THEM
THAT MAN HAD ALWAYS WANTED TO AVOID WAR...
... WHY DID THINGS HAVE TO TURN OUT THIS WAY?

THIS MAN IS VERY DANGEROUS!
.....
EVEN IF I CANNOT KILL HIM NOW...
I CAN STILL TAKE AWAY HIS POWER AND PARALIZE HIM!
YES! THE BLACK SWAN'S POWER...
CAN STOP HIM.
THAT MEANS I'M STILL AT AN ADVANTAGE...
THAT IS ENOUGH, KAYUKI.


DO YOU THINK THE OPPOSITION WOULD GIVE UP AFTER JUST ONE FAILED ATTEMPT?
THEY WILL STRIKE AGAIN VERY SOON!
IF YOU TAKE AWAY MY STRENGTH NOW --
WHO WILL DEFEND THIS ISLAND WHEN IT COMES UNDER ATTACK AGAIN?
YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER OR THE KNOWLEDGE TO PREVENT THAT
NOW I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN PROTECT THIS ISLAND.
IF I AM PARALYZED, THIS ISLAND WILL BE DESTROYED
YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THIS ISLAND NO MATTER WHAT.
THEREFORE YOU CANNOT TAKE AWAY MY POWER.

SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY WAY TO STOP ME
WITHOUT TAKING AWAY MY POWER?
I... I...
CAN'T DO A THING!
BY ALLOWING THIS ISLAND TO BE ATTACKED, YOU HAVE ALREADY LOST YOUR ADVANTAGE
YOU HAVE LOST!
KAYUKI ...

PRETTY SOON, ADELHEID WILL BE BROUGHT HERE RIGHT ?
BUT DON'T WORRY.
SO I'LL STAY ON THE ISLAND YOU JUST NEED TO GIVE ME FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE ISLAND
ONLY FOR NOW.
.....
... THIS TIME I'LL RETREAT
BUT ...
I WILL WIN IN THE END!
JUST WAIT, I'LL DEFINITELY KILL YOU!

.....
WAH... THAT MAN...
IS DEFINITELY MORE EVIL THAN THE ALIENS
.....
IS OVER-STRESSING KAYUKI?
WEIRD... AKAGARA...
MISS BRIDGET!
YOU HAVE DECEIVED US...

THE VAMPIRE KING CANNOT BE KILLED BY THE SUN THIS IS BIG NEWS
WHY DID YOU CONCEAL IT FROM US?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE ISLAND
YOU WOULD'VE FEARED US TOO MUCH, MAKING THINGS TROUBLESOME.
AND IF YOU MISUNDERSTOOD THAT THE DHAMPIRES HAVE THE SAME IMMUNITY
EVEN IF I HAD TOLD YOU, WOULD YOU HAVE BELIEVED ME?
WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH COUNTERMEASURES
BUT, IF WE HAD KNOWN
WE DEFINITELY
YES, HUMANS ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE.

THE NOON ATTACK ON THE ISLAND ENDED IN AN UNEXPLAINABLE FAILURE.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TROUBLESOME IF YOU DID MANAGE TO COME UP WITH COUNTERMEASURES
?
THE OPPOSITION TO OVER MOON WILL BE EXTREMELY FRIGHTENED.
THEY WILL BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF A "VAMPIRE."
BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO OTHER PLANS, THEY WILL END UP SUPPORTING THE OVER MOON PLAN WITH FEELINGS OF DISBELIEF IN THEIR ALLIES' "VAMPIRE."
IF THERE IS DISBELIEF AND SUSPICION IT'LL BE EASIER FOR US DHAMPIRES TO CONCEAL AND CONTROL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EXISTENCE IN THE FUTURE.
THAT'S WHY WE HAD ARRANGED FOR AKABARA TO DEFEND THE ISLAND IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.
HUMANS NOT BELIEVING IN OUR EXISTENCE WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO MOVE ABOUT.
THIS WAY, WE WON'T BE HARMED OR BECOME ENEMIES WITH THE HUMANS.

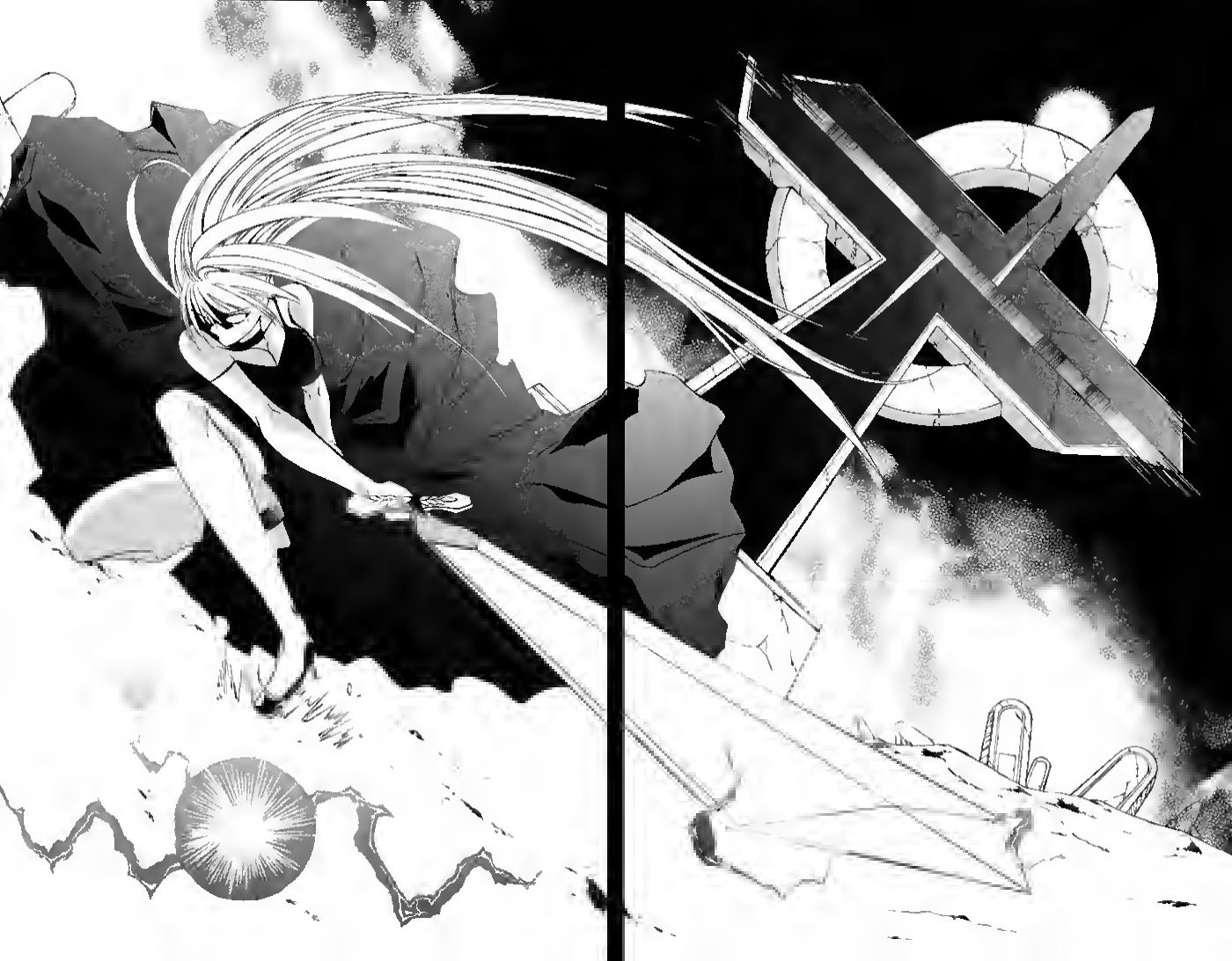
AS LONG AS WE CONTROL ADELHEID, THERE WILL BE OPENINGS TO GET THROUGH
THAT MAN WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT ON THE ISLAND
NOT REALLY
BUT...
I GUESS SO
WON'T THIS BE DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR YOU?
THE CONTROL OF THE ISLAND HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THAT MAN
WE HAVE BEEN HAD.
DAMN IT.
DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH YOU, WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST ALL HIS PIECES
AT LEAST FOR US
MORISHIMA
RATHER THAN BLAME ME, CURSE YOUR OWN CARELESSNESS!
IN TURN, THIS MEANS THAT THE CONTROL FOR MATTERS OUTSIDE OF THE ISLAND HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN AWAY
MY SIDE CURRENTLY HAS NOTHING TO CHANGE THE SITUATION WITH BECAUSE KAYUKI IS UNABLE TO USE HER POWERS. BUT, THE DHAMPIRES STILL HAVE THEIR MEANS

CURSE THE SELF THAT WASN'T ABLE TO THINK OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT A VAMPIRE WOULD BE IMMUNE TO THE SUN!
ADELHEID DID NOT STOP AT ALL BEFORE SHE WAS SEALED
NOT JUST THE NIGHT BUT IN THE DAY TOO
YOU SHOULD HAVE DERIVED IT FROM MY WORDS..
TO HAVE THOUGHT THAT?
THAT WAS AGAINST ALL THE RULES
ISN'T IT IMPOSSIBLE
IF YOU USE MAGIC TO BLOCK OUT THE SUN, THEN IT ISN'T A THREAT!
WAIT!
I HAD THOUGHT THAT THE QUEEN'S MAGIC HAD CORRODED THE SUNLIGHT.
THAT!

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS THAT THEY CAN USE THEIR MAGIC DURING THE DAY!
THAT WOULD HAVE LED ME TO THINK OF VAMPIRES THAT MIGHT BE IMMUNE TO THE SUN!
THIS WAS ONLY KNOWN AFTER SHE HAD LOST CONTROL.
FACED WITH AN UNCONTROLLABLE CORROSION THAT DIDN'T WEAKEN EVEN DURING THE DAY
EVERYONE BECAME INCREASINGLY TERRIFIED OF VAMPIRES
IN OTHER WORDS ...
THE QUEEN IS IMMUNE TOO?
THE VAMPIRE RACES
WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE CHANGED!
IN ONE THOUSAND YEARS, THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT
A VAMPIRE EMPIRE THAT CONTROLLED BOTH THE DAY AND THE NIGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN BORN

IF THE SITUA-TION ...
HAD BEEN DIFFER-ENT.

BE CAREFUL OF THE BACKLASH FROM THE IMPACT!
THIS IS THE LAST SEAL!
THE TRUTH THAT EVEN BRIDGET DOESN'T KNOW. IT MIGHT JUST TURN THE SITUATION AROUND!
LOOKS LIKE I CAN ONLY RELY ON THE TRUTH THAT ONLY THE QUEEN KNOWS...
THE TWO OF YOU BACK AWAY!
I'LL DO IT BY MYSELF!
THIS IS THE LAST SEAL!
DESTROY IT IN ONE STRIKE!!



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AYE. IF SHE STILL DOESN'T REVIVE ...
SINCE ALL OF THE OBSTACLES HAVE NOW BEEN REMOVED
DON'T WORRY
ALL OF THE "SEALS" DO, AS THEIR NAMES IMPLY, IS TO "SEAL SOMETHING AWAY."
IT'S BLOCKING OFF WHATEVER HAD BEEN SEALED, JUST LIKE AN "OBSTACLE."

EVEN THOUGH, SABERHAGEN HAD SAID THAT ADELHEID HAD BEEN SEALED "WITHIN" THE MONUMENT. THAT WAS ACTUALLY A LIE!
BUT WHAT IF THERE WERE NUMEROUS "OBSTACLES?"
OF COURSE IF THERE WAS ONLY ONE "OBSTACLE", IT WOULD BE EASY TO REMOVE.
WHEN THEY WERE ACTUALLY ALL JUST PARTS OF THE SAME "OBSTACLE."
AND WHAT IF THEY WERE VIEWED AS "FAKES?"
NO WONDER
SABERHAGEN
IS SUCH AN IRRITATING FELLOW.
BY MAKING EVERYONE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS "ONLY ONE REAL SEAL"
ANYONE TRYING TO DESTROY THE MONUMENTS WOULD BE DISILLUSIONED AND GIVE UP. THAT WAS JUST A LIE TO HINDER THE REVIVAL
NOW...
THE QUEEN WILL REVIVE!!

REALLY! MORISHIMA, THAT GUY
PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT ME TO PREVENT QUEEN ADELHEID FROM TELLING THE TRUTH
DOES THIS MEAN, THAT GUY
WANTS TO BET EVERYTHING ON THE "TRUTH?"
HE ACTUALLY GOT THE TROOPS ...
TO BRING ME SO FAR AWAY ...
IMPRESSIVE
YOU ACTUALLY MANAGED TO DEFEAT THEM ALL
WITHOUT EITHER KILLING ANYONE OR INJURING THEM.
THE ONE WHO TRAINED YOU TO SUCH LEVEL WAS IT AKABARA?

THE FACT THAT THIS GIRL CAN ACTUALLY BE INDEPENDENT AFTER ONLY 100 YEARS... TO TRAIN HER TO SUCH STANDARDS IS NO EASY FEAT.
THE THINNER THE VAMPIRE BLOOD IS, THE SLOWER THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DHAMPIRE
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND
OF COURSE IT WAS!
I TRAINED VERY HARD!
SHOULDN'T IT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE LIKE TAKABA, WHO IS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY HIS EMOTIONS?
THE ONLY WAY TO GET SUCH RESULTS IS TO IGNORE LOGIC AND DO RELENTLESS TRAINING.
IF YOU WANT TO GET IN MY WAY...
I'LL SHOW YOU THE RESULTS OF MY TRAINING!
AH... WHAT!!?

WHAT'S HAPPENING !!?
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THE SKY ……
IS SHATTERING ...!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAD SEEN THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION SEAL WITH ADELHEID IN IT BEING BOUNCED INTO THE SKY.
BUT I HAD NEVER CONFIRMED IT LANDING TO BECOME A CROSS MONUMENT.
WHAT...
THEN ASSUMING THAT AFTER SHE FLEW INTO THE SKY...
AND AT REACHING A CERTAIN HEIGHT, SPACE WAS DISTORTED TO FORM THE GATEWAY TO ANOTHER DIMENSION... THIS WON'T BE STRANGE.
THE SEAL'S MONUMENTS JUST SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD IN ORDER TO REINFORCE IT.
ALSO, AS LONG AS THE GATEWAY STAYED CLOSED...

IF YOU WERE HERE RIGHT NOW... WHAT WOULD YOUR EXPRESSION BE...
AH.. STRALISS...

IT'S TIME TO BRING ADELHEID TO JUSTICE!

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CHAPTER 30:
PORTRAIT OF A QUEEN
IS THAT .....
.....
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED FROM A MILLENNIUM AGO.
ADELHEID ...
YOUR FATE HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
I HAVE SO MUCH TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT BUT...

CHAPTER 30:
PORTRAIT OF A QUEEN
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU WERE TO CONTINUE SLEEPING.
PER-HAPS ...

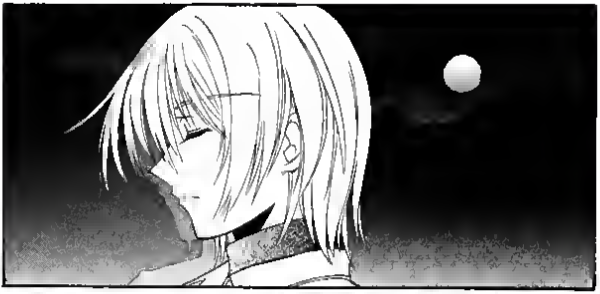
GOOD... WE FINALLY GOT THE QUEEN !!
I JUST HOPE THAT NOTHING BEYOND BRIDGET'S CALCULATIONS WILL HAPPEN...!
OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE...!
.....

I HOPE IT WON'T TURN INTO THE WORST-CASE SCE-NARIO BUT...
I HAVE A BAD FEEL-ING ABOUT THIS.
HAS ADEL-HEID BEEN RE-VIVED?
HON-ESTLY, WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE TRUTH?

WITH THIS.....
THE RACE'S CENTURIES OLD SUFFERINGS AND HARDSHIPS WILL SOON COME TO AN END.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO KILL THE MAN I ADMIRED THE MOST...
AND MY MOST PRECIOUS SISTER...
AS LONG AS EVERYTHING COMES TO AN END...

I HAVE TO LET HER REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT PROVOKING HER DEFENSES
AND HAS THE MAGICAL POWERS THAT WERE EXHAUSTED BACK THEN, BEEN REPLENISHED?
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO PHYSICAL INJURY, BUT MENTALLY?
CAN YOU HEAR ME, ADELHEID?
ADELHEID
CALM DOWN... THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR
MMM……
OPEN YOUR EYES SLOWLY.
URG……
……
WAKE UP, ADELHEID
ADELHEID!

ST……
STRA……USS……
RA……USS……
ST……RA……
IT'S ALL RIGHT…
STRAUSS IS NOT HERE
NO……
PL……
PL……EASE……
PLEASE……
STRAUSS……



NO NO...
IN ORDER TO PROTECT EARTH, I MUST WORK HARD.

THE WHOLE ISLAND IS PRACTICALLY YOURS, MR. AKABARA.
THERE'S NOBODY STOPPING YOU FROM SKIPPING TRAINING FIGHT?
THAT WAY I CAN REST TOO.

THERE WASN'T AN OUNCE OF SINCERITY IN THAT SENTENCE.
...LEASE

BUT I AM NOT LIKE HIM!

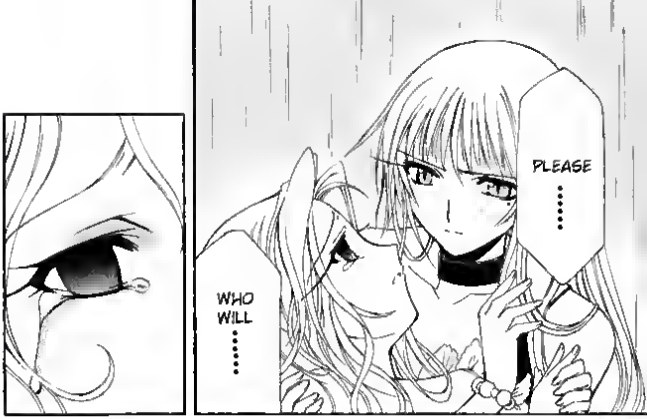
"BIG BAD AKABARA"
COMPLETELY TERRIFIED OF THE
MR LEE HAS BECOME

YOU COULD HAVE DONE SO WITHOUT KAYUKI EVEN SENSING IT RIGHT?
IN FACT...
IF THE SUN DOESN'T AFFECT YOUR POWERS...
SHOULDN'T IT BE A PIECE OF CAKE FOR YOU TO STRIKE DOWN THOSE MISSILES?

AND MAKE THAT GIRL HATE YOU EVEN MORE?
BUT WHY DID YOU DELIBERATELY REVEAL IT...
YOU COULD HAVE USED THE FACT THAT "THE SUN CAN'T KILL YOU" AS A TRUMP CARD TO DEFEAT KAYUKI WITH, RIGHT?

IS THAT... SOMETHING AN EVIL PERSON WOULD DO...?
IS MR. AKABARA SUFFERING FROM A GUILTY CONSCIENCE?
TO MAKE OTHERS HATE YOU TOO...

I AM ...
AN EVIL PERSON.
FOR THE SAKE OF MY PURPOSE, I HAD BETRAYED SO MANY PEOPLE
AND CREATED MOUNTAINS OF CORPSES
I AM AN INCORRIGIBLE EVIL.
THEREFORE ...
I HAVE LIVED FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS BUT I DON'T INTEND TO MELLOW BECAUSE OF THAT.
ADELHEID, PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
EVERYTHING IS ALREADY IN THE PAST


PLEASE……
WHO WILL……

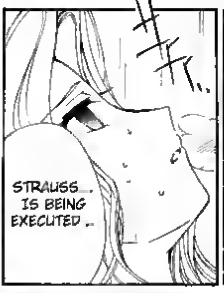
SAVE…
STRAUSS…?

ADELHEID !
!!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY ?
ADELHEID ?
STRALISS IS NEVER WRONG!
I MUST STOP HER!
WHAT DID HER MAJESTY ADELHEID SAY!?
OH NO !!
I MUST !!!
NO MATTER WHAT'S HAP-PENING
JUST LET IT BE PLAYED OUT TO THE END!
.....HEY !!
プラーン!

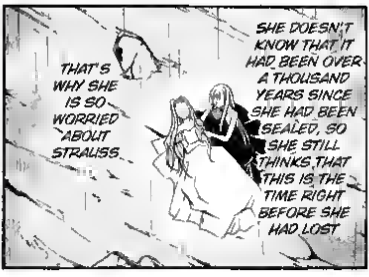
SIS..
TER
?

YES, YES!
IT'S ME!

ADEL-
HEID!
WAKE
UP!
ADEL-
HEID!


STRAUSS..
IS BEING
EXECUTED..

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?
YOU SAID,
"SAVE
STRAUSS"


THAT'S
WHY SHE
IS SO
WORRIED
ABOUT
STRAUSS.
SHE DOESN'T
KNOW THAT IT
HAD BEEN OVER
A THOUSAND
YEARS SINCE
SHE HAD BEEN
SEALED, SO
SHE STILL
THINKS THAT
THIS IS THE
TIME RIGHT
BEFORE SHE
HAD LOST

I
SEE
HE'S
READY...
TO GIVE
IN AND
BE KILLED
BY THE
ELDERS

WAIT
...
WAIT
...
WASN'T STRAUSS TRYING TO KILL ADELHEID AT THAT TIME?
SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT STRAUSS!
NO! THIS IS ALL WRONG!
WAKE UP ...!
HE WAS TRYING TO KILL YOU ADELHEID!
STRAUSS HAS ABANDONED THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE ...
ONLY LIVES TO TAKE VENGEANCE ON YOU!!
THAT MAN ...
IF ONLY ...
THAT WAS THE TRUTH ...

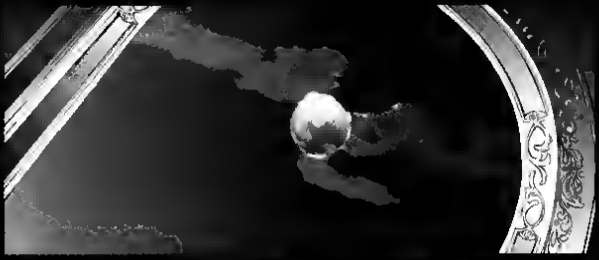
THE ONE WHO HAD MURDERED STELLA.
STRAUSS HAS FOR-GIVEN ME.

THIS IS SO FRUS-TRATING !!
.....ARGH!
THERE'S NO LEAD FOR A WAY TO DEFEAT THE VAM-PIRE KING ...
NOT EVEN FROM WITHIN THE BLACK SWAN'S MEMORIES ...
EVEN THO-UGH I HAD INHERITED ALL OF THE MEMORIES OF THE 49 PERVIOUS BLACK SWANS
THERE IS NOTHING THERE THAT CAN HELP ME NOW!
AND IT SEEMS THAT...
A LOT HAD BEEN SEALED AWAY, LEAV-ING ONLY BITS AND PIECES ... ALSO .

EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE ALL BEEN CRUELLY KILLED BY THE VAMPIRE KING...
THERE IS NO SENSE OF HATRED TOWARD HIM IN ANY OF THEIR MEMORIES.
WHY DID THE GIRLS WHO HAVE BEEN POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN TO FIGHT THE VAMPIRE KING
NOT HARBOR ANY NEGATIVE FEELINGS TOWARDS HIM?
THE VAMPIRE KING...
IS AN EVIL THAT DESERVES TO BE HATED!
STRAUSS...
FORGIVE... YOU?
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...

THIS IS NOT POS-SIBLE!
DIDN'T YOU LOSE CONTROL OF YOUR MAGIC BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID OF BEING KILLED BY STRAUSS !?
LISTEN ... THAT MAN ...
SAID HE WANTED TO KILL YOU!
STRA-USS ...
FOR THE SAKE OF THAT PUR-POSE, HE HAD EVEN ABAN-DONED ME!!

I...
INTEND TO BE KILLED BY STRAUSS
I SHOULD ... HAVE BEEN KILLED BY HIM.
OTHERWISE, HE COULDN'T BE SAVED.
THAT'S WHY I USED THE PENDANT ...
BUT STRAUSS HE...
!
STRAUSS ...
NO!! THAT CAN'T BE THE TRUTH!
ADELHEID!
JUST WHAT HAPPENED !?
JUST WHAT HAPPENED A THOUSAND YEARS AGO !?



SOON ...
I WILL BE OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED.

THE ELDERS SEEM TO HAVE DECIDED TO EXECUTE ME.

STRAUSS...
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO ACCEPT THAT WITHOUT ANY PROTEST?
AS THE KING
I KNOW THAT IT IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE COUNTRY.
I THINK I WILL STILL BE A LAUGHING STOCK IN A THOUSAND YEARS' TIME.
THE KING WHO WAS PROCLAIMED TO BE ABOVE EVERYONE
WAS TOO STUPID TO KNOW HIMSELF, AND FELL.
YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE MILITARY AND POLITICAL MATTERS EVEN IF I AM NO LONGER AROUND.
WITH BRIDGET BY YOUR SIDE...
ADELHEID...

BUT EVEN IF YOU HAVE A STRONG MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONTROL
IF NOTHING ELSE IS BUILT ON IT ...
IT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT COUNTRY.
IS MUCH STRONGER THAN WHAT YOU BELIEVED.
YOUR MAGICAL POWER ...
IF IT IS POSSIBLE, COULD YOU PLEASE USE THEM FOR CULTURAL OR ARTS PURPOSES ...
TO CREATE THINGS THAT CAN NURTURE AND FULFILL SOULS?
JUST A COLD AND DETACHED TOOL.
A COUNTRY THAT DOESN'T HAVE THOSE THINGS IS TOO COLD...
AND NOBODY WANTS TO STAY.
IN THE END, I AM...
THE COUNTRY WILL DEPEND ON YOU FROM NOW ON.

YOU MUST BECOME THE MOON OF GUIDANCE!
YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TAINTED BY THE FILTH OF WARS, NOR DO YOU KNOW OF THE CRUELTY.
THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO IMAGINE ...
FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART, A PURE AND IDEAL WORLD!
.....
STRAUSS ...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SWAY YOUR RESOLVE TO CHOOSE DEATH.
AND NO MATTER WHAT THE PRESENT ME SAID ...
IF YOU DESIRE IT ... I WILL BECOME THE QUEEN YOU WANT ME TO BE.
AT LEAST ANSWER THIS QUESTION ...
BUT ...

IF STELLA WAS STILL ALIVE...
WOULD YOU STILL THINK THAT IT IS THE BEST CHOICE TO CHOOSE DEATH NOW?
STELLA ...
IS NO LONGER AROUND ...
THERE'S NO POINT IN THINKING ABOUT IT.
YOUR HEART ...
FROM THE MOMENT STELLA DIED, HAS BEEN FROZEN.

NO.
YOU FROZE IT YOURSELF.
.....
I.....
I TOO ...
AM NOT A GOOD WIFE
I WISH I COULD ...
I WANTED YOU TO BE HAPPY BUT YET ...
I COULDN'T REPLACE STELL...
WANTED TO BE A GOOD KING—
BUT THAT MADE ME FAIL IN BEING A GOOD HUS-BAND
I CAN'T EVEN IM...GINE HOW HURT YOU MUST HAVE BEEN.

I COULDN'T DO A THING.
I'M SORRY ...
I DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER YOUR FEELINGS.
STRAUSS' HEART IS STILL FROZEN.
IF HE HAD NOT FROZEN IT, HE WOULDN T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE CHOICES THAT BENEFIT THE COUNTRY WHEN FACED WITH STELLA'S DEATH.

BACK THEN, I SHOULD HAVE USED MY OWN HANDS TO LET STELLA BE...
I WAS WRONG...
BUT FROM THEN ON, STRAUSS' INNER SELF HAD DIED.
IS THAT WHY HE WON'T HESITATE TO DIE FOR THE COUNTRY NOW?
THEN, TO SAVE STRAUSS...
I WILL HAVE TO MELT HIS HEART!!
IF HE WAS TO KNOW THAT I HAVE THAT...
THEN STRAUSS WILL KNOW...
THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO MURDERED STELLA.
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HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND A NEW REASON TO LIVE ON.
IF HE IS ABLE TO AVENGE STELLA ...
AND HE WILL LIVE AGAIN.
THIS WAY ...
THE FROZEN FEELINGS WILL TURN INTO HATRED TOWARD THE PERSON WHO STOLE STELLA AWAY FROM HIM.
I WILL MOST LIKELY BE KILLED BY STRAUSS ...!
BUT IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT THE GUILTY ONE IS PUNISHED.

EVEN IF YOU ARE THE ELDERS, YOU MAY NOT BARGE INTO THE QUEEN'S PRIVATE QUARTERS !!
HOW DARE YOU !!
!!
PLEASE FORGIVE OUR INSOLENCE ...
BUT THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER ...
HIS MAJESTY HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH
IN ORDER TO CAPTURE HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ... WE WISH THAT YOUR MAJESTY WOULD BECOME OUR HOSTAGE.
IT'S DESPICABLE OF US TO DO THIS BUT FOR THE COUNTRY'S SAKE ...
THEY ARE SO... SO FOOLISH ...!
FINE ...
I WILL MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY !
I UNDERSTAND, I WILL NOT RESIST.
BUT ...
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BECAUSE YOU ARE THE MOON OF GUIDANCE!
PLEASE COME AND KILL ME.
STRAUSS ...
TO PROVE THAT I AM YOUR HOSTAGE ...
PLEASE PASS THIS PENDANT TO HIS MAJESTY.

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CHAPTER 31:
THE KING'S BELOVED MOON

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STRALISS WILL DEFINITELY COME
IF HE SEES THAT PENDANT, HE WILL DEFINITELY COME
NOT IN ORDER TO METE OUT PUNISH-MENT
BUT TO KILL ME

AND PROBABLY REALISE HIS DEATH'S MEANING-LESSNESS HERE
IF HE KILLS ME, STRAUSS'S FROZEN HEART MAY START TO MELT

EVEN IF THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS AND BARRIERS
AS LONG AS HE LIVES, HE WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE EVERYTHING
AS LONG AS STRAUSS REDEEMS HIS
WITH THAT THE NIGHT KINGDOM'S PEACE AND ABUNDANCE
WILL BECOME ETERNAL

THAT'S WHY STRAUSS
PLEASE KILL ME QUICKLY
-- YOUR MAJ-ESTY
WELL THEN ... COME IN

IT'S KING AKA-BARA!
THE VAMPIRE WHO DOES NOT FEAR THE SUN!
BE CARE-FUL !!
AAH ..... STRAUSS
IT'S YOUR TIME FOR REVENGE
BRING DEATH TO THE ONE WHO KILLED STELLA!!
GIVE THAT ANGER AND HATE TO ME NOW— ...

I AM TRULY SORRY
TO MAKE EVERYONE LABOR FOR ME---

IT WILL BE ALRIGHT IF YOU QUICKLY GO THROUGH WITH THE PUNISHMENT

IS IT REALLY ... ALRIGHT ?
.... YOUR MAJ- ESTY
.....
A KING'S DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY AND HIS PEOPLE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY
THERE IS A REASON
?!
IN NORMAL CASES IT WILL BE CONSIDERED A SIN OF BETRAYAL THAT CANNOT BE AMENDED FOR
FOR US ELDERS TO TAKE THE KING'S LIFE---

IN ORDER TO DO THAT
I DON'T MIND THROWING AWAY MY LIFE TOGETHER WITH THE DIRT
.....
...YOU REALLY ARE THE ONE BEST KING
BY THE ACTS OF THIS ONE I HAVE SOILED YOUR NAME
IT'S ALRI-GHT
IT IS MY SIN FOR MAKING EVERY-THING SO
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF
---WELL THEN GET ONTO THE SCAFFOLD
STANDING AROUND LIKE THAT IS WASTING TIME

WHY IS IT?
STRAUSS!
HE SHOULD HAVE REALISED THAT I KILLED STELLA!
AND YET ...
AND YET THERE IS
ABSO-LUTELY NO HATE OR ANGER!
STRA-USS!
STRA-USS!
!!
DO YOU NOT UNDER STAND !?

I WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED STELLA !!
I WAS THE ONE WHO... KILLED THAT HATE-ABLE GIRL!
I ALSO TORE APART
YOUR CHILD WITHIN HER WOMB!!
YOU UNDER-STAND DON'T YOU, STRAUSS !!
MY BLOOD-STAINED HANDS!!

AAH
.....
IF YOU HID AND HELD THIS THEN IT IS PROBABLY SO
BUT
NOW IT IS ONLY SOMETHING IN THE PAST
I...
I DID NOT TRY TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU
DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU
YOU PROB-ABLY HAD YOUR OWN
REASON YOU HAD TO KILL STELLA

IF YOU ASK ABOUT SIN
IT WAS ME WHO DID NOT NOTICE THAT
I REALLY WAS
A COLD EQUIP-MENT WHO DID NOT CARE FOR ANYONE
THUS ...
DON'T BLAME YOUR-SELF ANY-MORE
STELLA PROB-ABLY DOES NOT HATE YOU
ADELHEID
I LEAVE YOU THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE GRACE OF THE BELOVED MOON
AND TO YOU!
I WAS
WRONG
ガク
PLEASE GET DOWN!
YOUR MA-JESTY THE QUEEN

AT THAT TIME STRAUSS'S HEART
PED
WHEN STELLA DIED STRAUSS'S HEART
DID NOT FREEZE

STRAUSS, THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
STRAUSS !!
YOUR MAJ-ESTY ...
IT'S A PITY

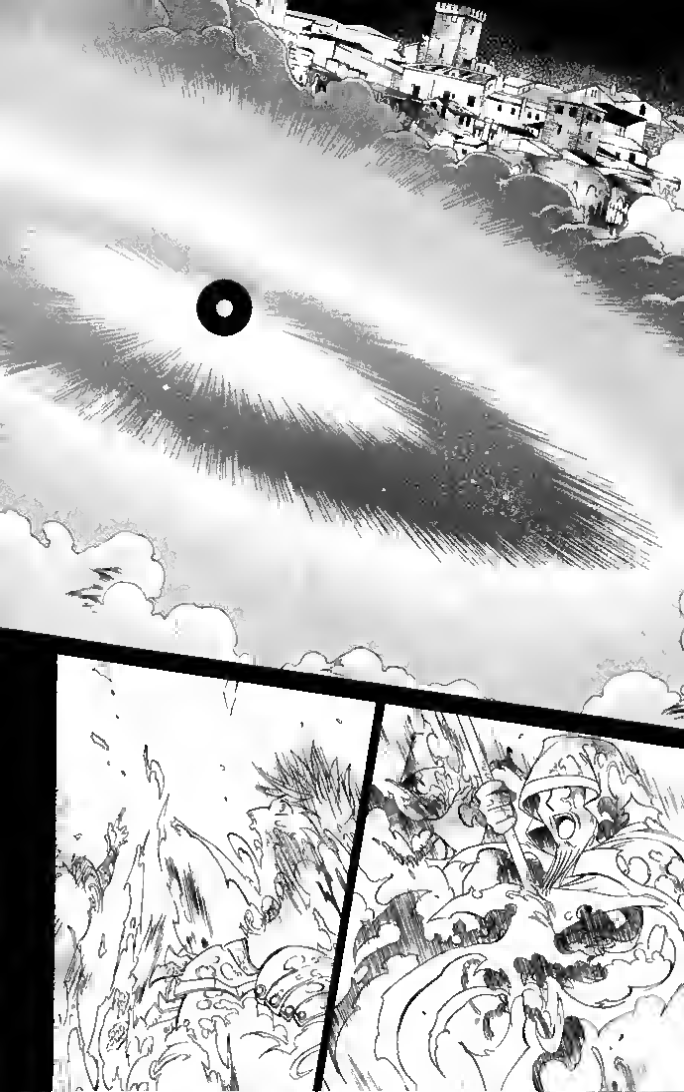
TACT-LESS THINGS
RATHER THAN SOME-THING DECIDED PER SE
NOW MIGHT AS WELL SAY IT---
I AM BITTERLY DISSA-POINTED
THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME SCENE
THIS IS MY LAST COMM-AND AS KING!!
DO IT MORE RADI-ANTLY
KILL ME WITHOUT HESITA-TION!
DON'T LEAVE EVEN A HAIR ALIVE!

USE ALL OF YOUR POWER!
I'M SORRY!
GIVE ME ETER-NAL REST!
-- YOUR MAJ-ESTY

SOMEONE..... SOMEONE...!

SOMEONE... STRAUSS

SAVE HIM--



SOMEONE
...
PLEASE
SAVE
STRAUSS

I
DON'T
MIND
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO
ME

PLEASE
...
PLEASE
...
THAT
PERSON

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THIS
THE FATE OF HUMANS DEPENDS ON AKABARA
THAT PERSON SEEMS TO HAVE DONE MANY EVIL THINGS
PRO-FESSOR L!
ARE YOU ALONE?

UWAA-!?
AKABARA-SAN!!
PLEASE AT LEAST DO NOT GO OUT DURING THE SAY
AREN'T YOU A VAMPIRE!?
EVEN IF THAT IS SO I AM UNLIKE A VAMPIRE
I AM IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION
WELL I DON'T DRINK BLOOD OR STUFF LIKE THAT
SO PLEASE DON'T BE SO AFRAID
.....
DO YOU
HAVE ANY INTENTION OF SAVING HUMANITY FROM THE SEIJINFIO'S BIKKUMOURA?
UUN
ACTUALLY IT'S FINE EITHER WAY--
ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS

UWAA
WHY NOT LET PROFESSOR LI TRY TO DECIDE?
THIS IS?
TAKE THIS
THE STONE EMBEDDED IN THE CENTER
HAS BEEN WORKED USING MAGIC
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF STONE IT IS?
A PENDANT I HAVE TO A CERTAIN FEMALE AS A PRESENT
THIS IS FROM 1000 YEARS AGO
WELL THEN--
FOR A GEM OR SO IT'S A LITTLE
HUH? WELL

I PROMISE TO TRY TO SAVE HUMANKIND
IF YOU FIND OUT WHAT SORT OF STONE IT IS WITHIN A MONTH
IT'S TOO SUDDEN
THIS IS...
YEP! LET'S DO THIS
IF I CANNOT THEN YOUR INTENTION AT THAT TIME WILL BE...
WAI
ISN'T IT A GOOD WAY TO WHILE AWAY THE TIME?
HAAH
YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT A PERSON CAN DO AGAINST SUCH AN ABNORMALLY HUGE ENEMY RIGHT?
EVEN IF WE CONSTANTLY WORRY ABOUT IT

IF YOU NEED TO ANALYSE IT YOU MAY BURN IT OR BREAK IT, DO WHAT YOU LIKE
THE STRENGTH HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY MAGIC BUT IT'S NOT SO STRONG IT WON'T BREAK
THIS... IS IT NOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT ?
TO TELL ME TO DO WHAT I LIKE...
NO IT'S MY IMAGIN-ATION
HUH ?
THERE IS SOME-THING CARVED IN IT
Stellae Donur
FOR STELLA
...PROFE-SSOR LI ...THAT WAS ALREADY
LOST IT'S MEANING A LONG LONG TIME AGO--

IT'S WRONG WRONG WRONG! THERE IS NO WAY THAT IS THE TRUTH!!
IT IS ALL DEFINITELY LIES!!

BUT
THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE QUEEN TO LIE
SHE JUST SAID IT OUT IMMEDIATELY
ANYWAY THE QUEEN HAS NO IDEA OF THE TIME PASSED THESE 1000 YEARS
SHE HAD NO TIME TO MAKE UP A LIE

... RIGHT NOW
WHEN THE QUEEN SAID THE THINGS SHE SAID
SHE IMMEIDATELY FELL BACK INTO SLEEP AS SHE IS NOW
SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SORT OF SITUATION WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW
BUT... IF THAT IS TRUE
EVERY-THING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!!
AND SAYING THAT HE...
THREW THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE TO ME!
STRAUSS SAID HE WOULD KILL ADELHEID!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE UP A LIE!?

AKABARA ANNOUNCED TO BRIDGET-SAN THAT HE WOULD THROW HIS COUNTRY AWAY WAS AFTER THE QUEEN WENT BERSERK RIGHT?
THEN FOR SOME REASON HIS THINKING MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM BEFORE THE QUEEN WENT BERSERK

IN THAT CASE THE PROBLEM IS...

ERM...
JUST AFTER HEARING SOME BACK-GROUND JUST NOW IS IT ALRIGHT TO SAY THIS BUT...

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE

AND SAID HE INTENDED TO KILL THE QUEEN
ACCORDING TO BIG SISTER THE VAMPIRE KING HELD STRONG TO HIS INTENTION TO TAKE REVENGE

UNTIL I KILL ADELHEIT
IT WAS ONLY ONE MORE STEP
IF HIS INTENTION CHANGED HE SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT
THAT MISTER DEFINITELY HAS BEEN LYING WITH AN INTENT
BUT IF WE TRUST THE QUEEN
THAT WAS A LIE
AND IF THAT MISTER HAS BEEN LYING THEN
THERE MUST BE SOME NECESSITY
--
STRAUSS HAS BEEN LYING
.....
THAT'S WHY HE ASKED ME TO PASS THE MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN SAMA
STRAUSS HAS CLEARLY FEARED THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC IF ALL HIS LIES WERE EXPOSED

WHAT WAS STRAUSS TRYING TO PROTECT WITH HIS LIES?
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND
IF AKABARA SAID THAT "A KING'S DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY AND HIS PEOPLE"
NO MATTER HOW HE THINKS OF THE QUEEN, HE SHOULD NOT HAVE THROWN AWAY HIS KINGDOM AND BLOOD RELATIONS
ESPECIALLY AFTER LOSING THE KING, AND BRIDGET WHO WAS NECESSARY TO RALLY THE PEOPLE WAS AT THAT TIME SEVERELY WOUNDED
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT THAT THE NIGHT KINGDOM FELL
IN THESE 1000 YEARS HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DONE IN BY HIM!
EVEN NOW HE COULD BRING OUT HIS CORPSE
BY USING IT FOR THE DHAMPIR HUMANIFYING MAGIC, SAVE HIS BLOOD RELATIONS
AND YET HE DOES NOT EVEN SEEM LIKE HE INTENDS TO DO SO!

FOR WHAT REASON DID HE KILL YUKI AND KEPT ON LIVING?
THESE 1000 YEARS, WHAT KIND OF HELL HAS THAT GUY SEEN?
.....
DIDN'T HE DESTROY HIS COUNTRY AND PEOPLE HIMSELF!
NOT FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING HER
IT WAS NOT FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING THE QUEEN
EVEN FEELINGS FOR STELLA, THAT GUY WHO THREW THOSE ALL AWAY HAS NOTHING...!
EVEN THE KING'S DUTY...
THERE MUST BE SOME-THING WRONG!
HE HAS NO REASON WHAT-SOEVER TO KEEP LIVING BEING CHASED BY THE TERRIFYING BLACK SWAN!!
EVEN BREAKING ME

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, ADELHEID !
SAY IT'S A MISTAKE !!
THIS MUST BE BECAUSE SHE DID NOT SLEEP UNTIL HER REVIVAL
PROBABLY THE ENERGY SHE LOST WHEN HER MAGIC WENT BERSERK HAS NOT YET RETURNED
ANYWAY IF YOU WAKE HER UP BY FORCE SHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO SPEAK UNDERSTANDABLY
.....
WE ARE ALSO UNABLE TO REPORT TO THE SUPERIORS
AT THIS RATE WE'RE NOT IN SHAPE TO BATTLE WITH YUUJINFIO

SO WHAT DO WE DO?
HE EVEN ORDERED THE QUEEN TO KEEP SILENT, SO HE WON'T SIMPLY CONFESS TO IT...
PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE TRUTH IS THE VAMPIRE KING
TO GATHER ALL OF THOSE MONSTERS, MAKE THEM SERIOUS, AND FINALLY DEFEAT THE ALIENS--
AAA AAH
IT REALLY IS HOPE-LESS ---
THIS SITUATION !
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS

REALLY IF IT HADN'T COME THERE WOULDN'T BE SUCH A COMPLI-CATED SITUATION ...
NOW THEY'RE COMP-LETELY BOUND TOGE-THER!
THOSE GROUP WHO HAVE FOR THE PAST 1000 YEARS TRIED TO KILL EACH OTHER
SINCE BIKKU-MOURA CAME, HAVE BECOME LIKE THIS
BIKKU-MOURA?
... HMM ?
NO... EVEN IF IT HAD ONLY BEEN A BLUFF THERE WAS A MEANING WASN'T THERE?
AND IF IT WAS A BLUFF THERE MUST BE SOME SIGNS...
BUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THAT PROBLEM ?
WAIT... IF THAT MISTER REALLY DID NOT THROW AWAY HIS COUNTRY...

THAT GUY ..... WHAT A THING TO DO ... !!
I UNDER-STAND NOW, THAT MISTER'S INTENTION! !
I UNDER-STAND . . !
WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING THESE PAST 1000 YEARS...
STRAYS.....

LOOK AT BIKKU-MOURA
BIKKU-MOURA !!
WHY WERE WE UNABLE TO REALISE SUCH A SIMPLE THING!!
THE VAMPIRE KING HAS DONE THE SAME THING 1000 YEARS AGO!!

THAT MISTER, FOR THE SAKE OF FULFILLING HIS ROLE AS KING
DESTROYED HIS OWN KINGDOM

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CHAPTER 32
AKABARA-SAN, TO YOU THE MOON'S BLESSING
WHEN ADELHEIT WENT BERSERK
I REFLEXIVELY, DEFENSIVELY TOOK MYSELF OUT OF THE CENTER OF HER ATTACK
BUT
EVEN NOW SOME-TIMES I WONDER
WHETHER MY DECISION AT THAT TIME WAS CORRECT OR NOT--

Chapter 32
Akabara-san, To You the Moon's Blessing

WHAT ... ARE YOU SAYING
NORM-ALLY IT WOULD BE SO!!
YES
AT THAT TIME, STRAUSS, AS THE KING, SHOULD HAVE STOOD AT THE HEAD OF OUR CLAN!
THE DUTY OF THE KING SHOULD BE TO PROTECT ONE'S COUNTRY NO MATTER WHAT
WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAVE HAPPENED !?
BUT IF AT THAT TIME THAT MISTER ONCE AGAIN LEAD THE VAMPIRES AS THEIR KING

I KNOW IT EVEN IF YOU DON'T ASK!
THE NIGHT KINGDOM WOULD NOT HAVE FALLEN, THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO SUFFER, AND---
YES!!
--- YES!
BUT WITHOUT DOUBT
BETWEEN THE HUMANS AND THE NIGHT KINGDOM
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A HUGE WAR!
ABOVE THE FEARFUL KING AKABARA
THEY NOW KNEW OF THE TERROR OF THE MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION

THIS ... COULD IT BE ...
IF THAT MISTER WHO COULD CRUSH A STAR BY HIMSELF UNITED THE VAMP-IRES
HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY THE HUMANS AND WIN
IF NO ONE CAN HAVE A TERROR AS A NEIGHB-OR
THEN UNLESS WAR DESTROYS ONE SIDE OR
THE NIGHT KINGDOM COMPLETELY TAKES OVER THE WORLD THE WARS WOULD HAVE CONTINUED
BUT THE RESULT WOULD BE
THAT THE VAMPIRES BECOME A FEARFUL EMPIRE

EVEN THOUGH I WAS ABLE TO DEFEND AGAINST AND RUN FROM ADELHEIT'S POWER
THE DAMAGE I RECEIVED DIRECTLY BEFORE THE LOSS OF CONTROL WAS TOO HUGE
BY A NARROW MARGIN I WAS CONSCIOUS, BUT IN A NEAR-DEATH STATE
WHEN I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO MOVE, ADELHEIT HAD ALREADY BEEN SEALED
IN THE LAND THAT HAD BEEN LAID TO WASTE, CONFLICT BETWEEN HUMANS AND DHAMPIRS HAD BEGUN TO SPREAD

FLAMES BURNT ON MOUNTAINS OF CORPSES, GIVING OUT PLUMES OF BLACK SMOKE
IN THE WILDER-NESS THAT HAD NO BREATH OF LIFE
I
IT SEEMED THAT I WAS SEEING A RAPID COUNTDOWN TO THE END OF THE WORLD

WITH THAT TRUTH BEFORE MY EYES
AS A KING, HAD TO MAKE A DECISION

EVEN IF THE VAMPIRES WON AGAINST THE HUMANS
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GAUGE HOW MANY SACRIFICES WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE

THE EARTH'S FERTILITY GONE
THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY CAUSE EVEN MORE PEOPLE TO DIE

THOUSANDS OR TEN THOUSANDS OF HUMANS AND DHAMPIRS WOULD DIE
THE WAR WOULD LAY TO WASTE THE EARTH

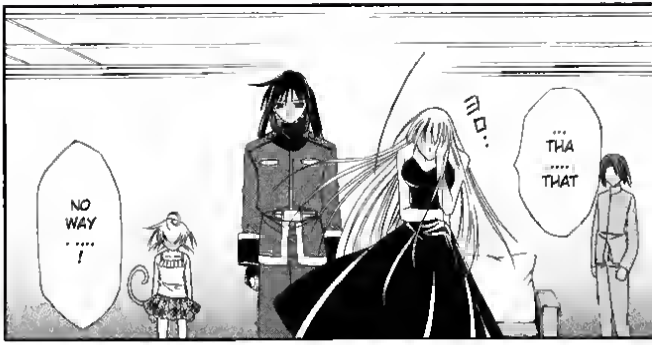
THAT KING, AT THE START ---
IN ORDER TO AVOID THIS, DECIDED TO RECEIVE PUNISHMENT, WASN'T IT?
.....
THAT MISTER PROBABLY DECIDED TO GO FOR THE PATH WITH THE LEAST SACRIFICES IN THAT CHAOS
THEN IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR KING AKABARA TO STAND AT THE HEAD OF THE BLOODLINE AT THAT TIME OF
WHY...!!
..... EVEN THEN ...
WHY DID HE HAVE TO THROW AWAY ME!
WHY DID HE HAVE TO THROW AWAY HIS COUNTRY!
--- THAT'S BECAUSE

LOOK AT BIKKU-MOURA!
EVEN SINCE THAT THING APPEARED
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US?
THE TWO WHO HAVE BEEN FATED TO KILL EACH OTHER, THE VAMPIRE KING AND BLACK SWAN
AND THE IRRECONCILABLE HUMANS AND DHAMPI
WE WHO WERE ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING, WHAT HAS BECOME OF US!?

US, WHO ALWAYS HAD A RELATION-SHIP OF KILLING EACH OTHER ARE NOW
COO-PER-ATING
---- THAT'S IT
WHEN A STRONG COMMON ENEMY APPEARS, NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH OTHER
EVEN IF YOU HATE EACH OTHER GREATLY, YOU WOULD JOIN HANDS
EVEN IF THAT IS ONLY SUPERFICIAL, IT REDUCES CONFLICT
1000 YEARS AGO, KING AKABARA
DID THE SAME THING, DID HE NOT?

WHEN THE POWERFUL KING AKABARA BECAME THE COMMON ENEMY OF HUMANS AND VAMPIRS

DIDN'T CHAOS AND CONFLICT STOP, AND SWORN ENEMIES JOIN HANDS?


NO WAY.....!
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...THA.....THAT

HAVEN'T HUMANS AND DHAMPIRS AVOIDED ANY CATA-STROPHIC DAMAGE?
EVER SINCE KING AKABARA DESTROYED HIS OWN COUNTRY AND BECAME THE COMMON ENEMY

THE COUNTRY MAY HAVE FALLEN INTO RUIN
BUT THE EARTH WAS NOT LAID TO WASTE
IT'S FERTILITY WAS NOT LOST

IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING THIS WORLD...!
STRAUSS DIRECTED ALL THE HATRED TO HIMSELF

NO MATTER HOW MANY SACRIFICES THERE WERE, IT MAY HAVE BEEN BETTER TO PROUDLY PROTECT MY COUNTRY
IT MAY HAVE BEEN BETTER TO DESTROY ALL OPPOSING HUMANS AND CREATE A VAMPIRE KINGDOM
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME OTHER WAY OF DOING IT
BUT
EVEN IF I STOOD AS KING, THERE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THAT MANY SACRIFICES
IT IS ALREADY PAST THE TIME OF CHOICE

IF I THINK OF THE BEST WAY CURRENTLY
IT IS BEST TO PROTECT THE COEXISTENCE OF HUMANS AND THE VAMPIRE BLOODLINE
TO PREVENT THIS SKY AND LAND FROM BEING HURT---

WHY DID STRAUSS THROW ME AWAY?

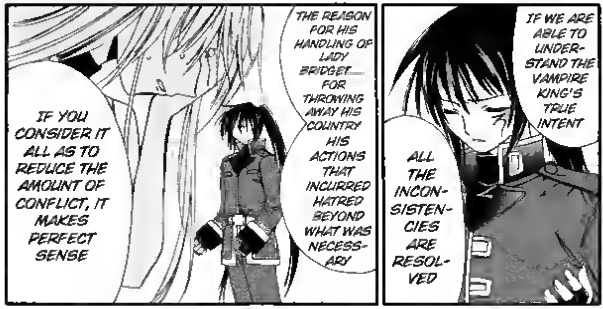
----THAT'S RIGHT

IF EVEN I DIS-PEARED, THE BLOODLINE WOULD SURELY H VE ENDED FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, THERE WAS NO WAY HE COULD BRING ME ALONG
AFTER STRAUSS DISAP-PEARED, IT WAS ME WHO GROUPED TOGETHER THE BLOODLINE

WHY DID STRAUSS HURT ME?

----THAT'S RIGHT

AND WAS WELCOMED AS THE LEADER OF THE PUNITIVE FORCE AND THE DHAMPIRS
BECAUSE OF THAT, I, ORIGINALLY CAUTIONED TO BE "AKABARA'S DAUGHTER" WAS NOT CHALLENGED BY HUMANS AND MY OWN KIND.


IF YOU CONSIDER IT ALL AS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CONFLICT, IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE
THE REASON FOR HIS HANDLING OF LADY BRIDGET— FOR THROWING AWAY HIS COUNTRY HIS ACTIONS THAT INCURRED HATRED BEYOND WHAT WAS NECESSARY
IF WE ARE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE VAMPIRE KING'S TRUE INTENT
ALL THE INCONSISTENCIES ARE RESOLVED

WHY DID STRAUSS NOT TELL ME HIS TRUE INTENTION?

---IT'S OBVIOUS

JUST BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO HATE AND FIGHT HIM COULD I G, THER THE PEOPLE, AND ALLIANCE HUMANS AND DHAMPIRS
IF I KNEW THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO FIGHT HIM WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ...

BUT WHETHER THERE ARE CASES THAT THE KING HIMSELF BECOME THIS EXTERNAL ENEMY ..
WHEN A EXTERNAL ENEMY WAS CREATED, ALL THE PROBLEMS WERE PARRIED THERE ARE MOUNTAINS OF SUCH EXAMPLES
LOOKING BACK AT HISTORY EVEN WHEN INTERNALLY THERE WERE MANY CONFLICTS

WHY DID I NOT NOTICE THIS!
FOR PEACE HE POUNDED HIS OWN HEART
STRAUSS ALWAYS THOUGHT OF THE PEOPLE!
WHY DID I MIS-TRUST HIM!!
AAH ... I SEE ...
I WAS FILLED WITH HATE FOR BEING THROWN AWAY
I ALWAYS THOUGHT ONLY OF MYSELF --
YOU SINFUL VAMPIRE KING!!
YOU WILL BE DES-TROYED HERE!!
ALWAYS, ALWAYS, JUST CURSING THAT PERSON
JUST HURTING THAT PERSON

NOT EVEN TRYING TO THINK OF HIS FEELINGS.
...!
!!
OF COURSE, THE REASON KING AKABARA COULD BECOME EVERYONE'S ENEMY WAS ALSO...
.....

PROBABLY BECAUSE HE COULD TRUST IN HIS LOVED DAUGHTER TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.

I HEARD YOU GOT A FEVER AND FAINTED?
YAA YAA KAYUKI
浪漫樱
IF IT'S OK SHALL WE EAT THEM TOGET-HER?
I ALSO BROUGHT SO MANY FRUITS ALONG!
I CAME TO VISIT YOU!

HMM?
GET OUT NOW
I AM NOT GOING ALONG WITH YOUR PRACTICAL JOKES...!
.....
WHERE .....
DID YOU COME IN FROM ...?
UU
AS USUAL YOU'RE SO SERIOUS--
YOU'RE A 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL, SO BE MORE JOVIAL!
SEE
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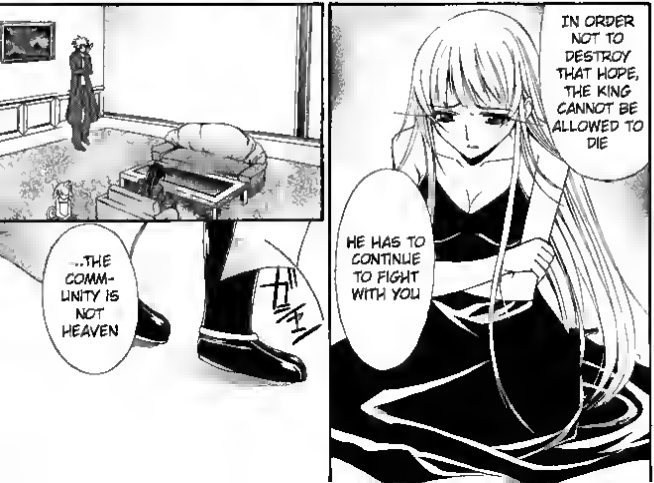
WHY HAS AKABARA NOT TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
!!
WAIT --- IF THAT'S SO
IF WE HAD THAT GUY'S CORPSE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE DHAMPIRS INTO HUMANS
EVEN IF NOT DURING THE CHAOTIC TIME 1000 YEARS AGO
NOW, ISN'T IT BEST TO MAKE DHAMPIRS HUMAN?
THAT HE IS NOT DOING THAT
ISN'T IT BECAUSE HE VALUES HIS LIFE----

REALLY
THAT IS TRUE IF THE MAGIC REALLY EXISTS TO TURN DHAMPIRS HUMAN
BUT
IT IS SAID THAT THE MAGIC EXISTS
AND THAT IT IS ALSO COMP-LETED
IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN IT ACCOMP-LISHED BEFORE?
!!
.....
EVEN I ONLY KNOW OF EXAMPLES THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH
WHEN THE NIGHT KINGDOM FELL APART MOST VAMPIRES DIED BUT
THE CORPSES, AFFECTED BY THE CORROSION, WERE UNABLE TO BE USED AS MEDIUMS FOR THE MAGIC

TO THE DHAMPIRS, THE MAGIC WAS A "INTIMIDATION" IN ORDER TO PREVENT REVOLT AGAINST THE VAMPIRES
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THE MAGIC IS NOT USED
IF SO
EVEN IF THE MAGIC WAS JUST A BLUFF SET UP WITH A LIKELY PROCEDURE
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY USEFUL, RIGHT?
AND IF THE VAMPIRES WHO CONTINUED THE ROYAL LINE
WERE TOLD THIS TRUTH?

AKABARA CANNOT AFFORD TO BE KILLED EVEN BY MISTAKE
...IF THE HUMAN-IFYING MAGIC WAS A BLUFF

BUT IF THEY KNEW THAT EVEN WITH THE CORPSE OF THAT MISTER, THE MAGIC WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE
THE COMM-UNITY WOULD FALL APART
NOW, IT IS A GREAT HOPE FOR DHAMPIRS TO BECOME HUMANS
IT'S ONE OF THE PILLARS HOLDING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER
YES


...THE COMM-UNITY IS NOT HEAVEN
HE HAS TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH YOU
IN ORDER NOT TO DESTROY THAT HOPE, THE KING CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO DIE

BUT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ORDER AND PEACE
HAS BEEN KEPT UP FREELY
IT'S TRULY NOT A BAD PLACE
BUT IN THE HUMAN WORLD THERE IS NO HEAVEN
THERE IS RESTRICTION AND UNFAIRNESS EVERYWHERE
EVERY SO OFTEN COMPANIONS TURN ON EACH OTHER
YOU, WHO HAVE A CLEAR ENEMY AND
WERE PROBABLY ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE TOGETHER FOREVER
EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN BE HAPPY BY DEFEATING KING AKABARA
IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN CLEARLY DESCRIBE WHAT THAT HAPPY LIVING WILL BE AFTER DEFEATING HIM?

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE IS THE HUMAN WORLD'S PAIN AND BORING DAILY LIFE
WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IS YOUR REASON TO LIVE
STANDING PARALYZED, VAGUELY UNCOMFORTABLE ONLY?
IF THERE IS NO HEAVEN IN THE HUMAN WORLD THEN WILL WAR CONTINUE TO HAPPEN ONLY IN A DIFFERENT FORM?
IT MAY BE TRUE THAT OUR CURRENT LIFE IS SURPRISINGLY ENCOURAGING
...IF THIS IS TRUE
AKABARA IS... A MONSTER
NO
I MAY BE TERRIFIED BY AKABARA
RATHER THAN A MONSTER ...
DON'T YOU THINK SO?

TO CHOOSE THIS KIND OF UNMISTAKABLE HELL
TO BE FACED WITH THE SWORD OF HATE FROM THE PEOPLE HE'S TRYING TO PROTECT
WITHOUT EVEN ALLOWING HIS OWN DEATH
TO CONTINUE THIS BATTLE FOR MORE THAN 1000 YEARS
WHY IS HE ABLE TO KEEP ON LIVING IN THIS TYPE OF SITUATION!!
WHAT KIND OF HEART DOES HE HAVE TO DO THIS?

YOU ARE STILL MUCH BETTER OFF
IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, JUST SEE A GREATER HELL THAN I HAVE
IF THIS IS TRUE HE ---...
THAT PERSON IS... A KING
A SUPREME KING...
IF THAT IS A KING'S DUTY, THEN HE WILL ENDURE ANYTHING
ADELHEIT ...SAMA?
...ADELHEIT...!
WERE YOU ...LISTENING?

AAH, BUT... THAT IS SUCH A CRUEL THING
IF HE IS UNABLE TO BEAR IT, COULD WE FREE HIM FROM NOW ON.....
.....
ROSE-RED STRAUSS .....
A PERS ON LIKE YOU IS ---
A PERSON LIKE YOU IS
BRASH AND CALLOUS!

ALWAYS ALWAYS FRIVOLOUSLY !!
NOW !!
I DON'T WANT TO BE VISITED BY YOU!
GET OUT!
PLEASE GET WELL KAYUKI
IF NOW YOU FALL APART, OUR WARRING ABILITY BALANCE WILL ALSO FALL APART
IF SO, THERE WILL COME FORTH UNNECESSARY WARS
EVEN FRAGILE, THIS COLD WAR SITUATION IS THE MOST PEACEFUL NOW

ALSO, KAYUKI
IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO BE FRIVOLOUS, YOU KNOW?

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Chapter 33: Whose Hands was it that were covered with blood?

Be stricken, Akabara!!
You threw away your country for 50 years...
The pain of your blood relatives who died so tragically ...
Use your blood and make up for it...

Chapter 33: Whose Hands Was It Covered With Blood?

Childish!
Dhampires and humans...
Gua-!
Bridget!
You won't reach me with a hundred million years of study!
Kuu...

Don't get cocky!
There will definitely be a time when your moon will fall!
It seems somehow we managed to finish without any deaths, only severely wounded.
Bridget will probably regenerate in 2 or 3 days.
In the previous battle, there were deaths so I must control myself for the time being.
Even though it's unnatural, but

Her strength has increased exponentially these few years.
But as expected of Bridget....
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It has become difficult to go easy on them without leading to sacrifices.
Dhampires also hold together.
As long as I am everyone's enemy, no serious battle will emerge between humans and dhampirs.
Until the day I am killed.
If I can protect this world this way, I will be an enemy for a thousand years.

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What could it be...
I was suddenly handed a phone but...
...It's me.
Vampire King, it's Morishima

I will say this first.
This conversation is held through my own private routes, and is not going to be heard by Gazen or Lady Kayuki.
It's not recorded and has been arranged with no fear of eavesdropping.
Are there any people listening on your side?
.....
I understand.
There's only me here.
As you know...
4 Dhampires,
...Your substitute, the Lady,
With me and...
Her Majesty, Queen Adelheid

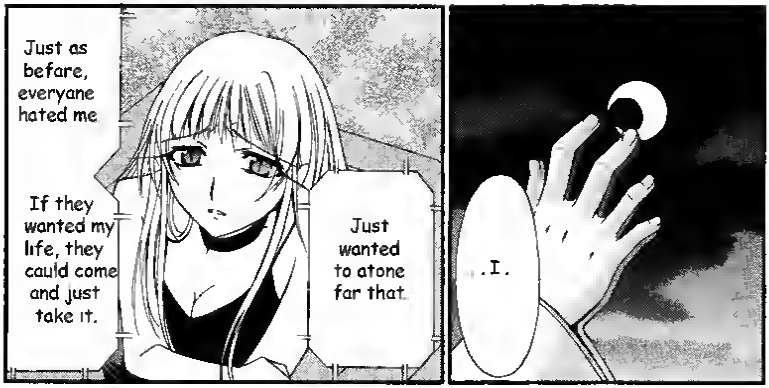
We are all able to listen your words directly.
I see.
About the content we have--
Yes.
Adelheid hos spaken.
It seems
You cannat allow yourself to die.
Also because the magic ta make Dhampires human is but a bluff
In order to minimize the number of sacrifices.
Come to the conclusion that you became everyane s enemy, and thus Dhampires and humans unite against their will.

Yes.
I guessed so.
Were you the one who come up with this conclusion?
Well, I did act to make it so but ..
Even when faced with contradicting information they can't organise it
Most of the rest have hatred and adversity towards me.
So..
.....
It's not strange you would come to this unbelievable conclusion
You by rejecting all emotion and personal interest

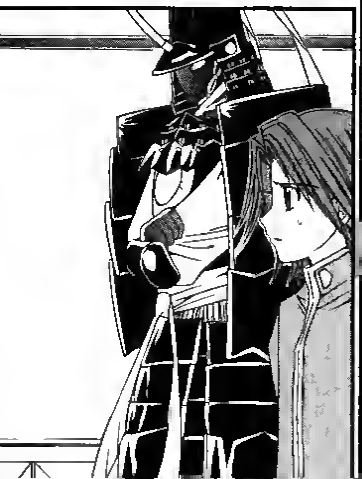
Is that the truth?
Aah...
.....
That is the painful and misplaced strategy..
...Of an idiat King

This guy .
This atmosphere doesn't allow for careless comments.
...Even if to minimize sacrifices
It has made everyone suffer for a long time

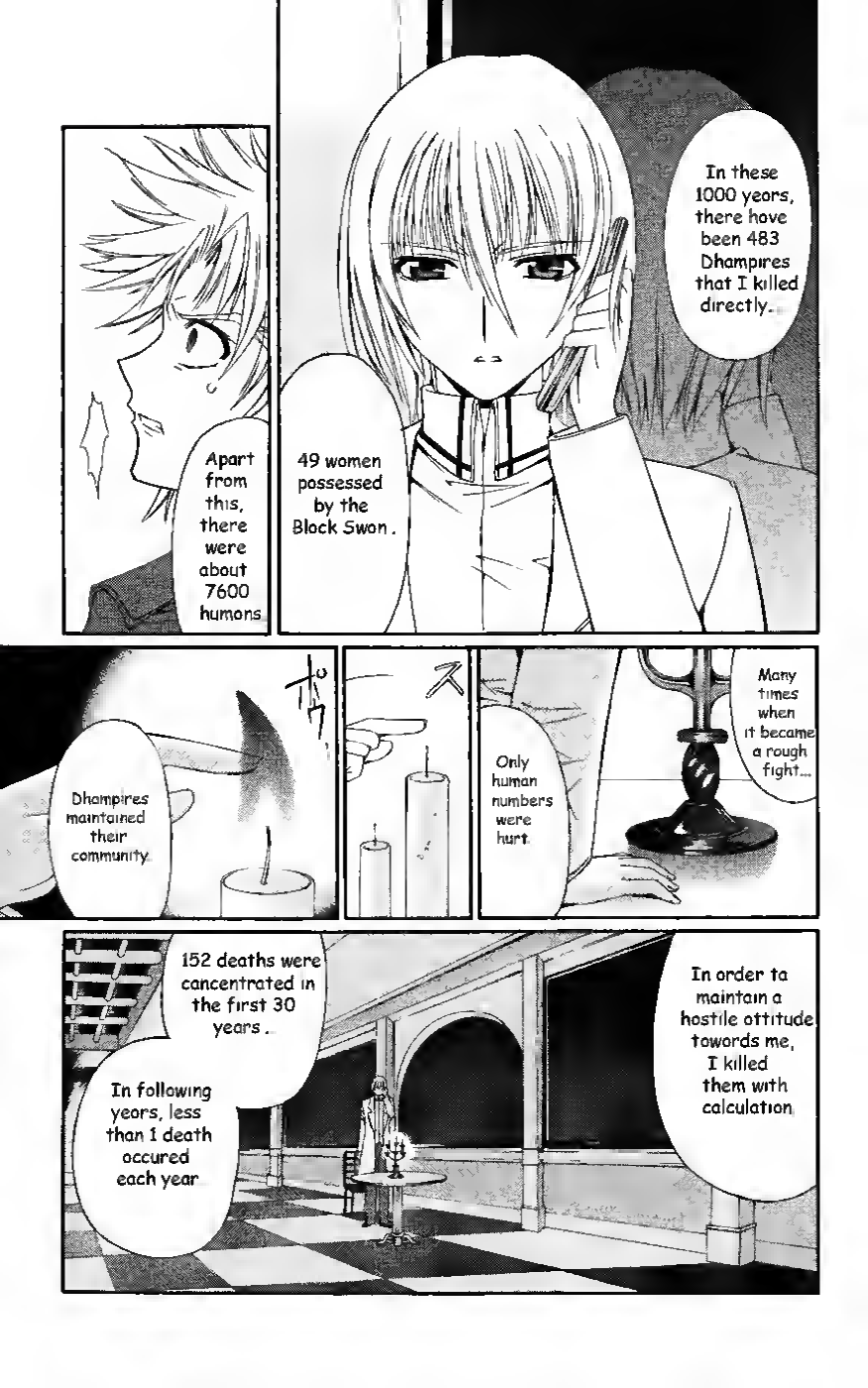
It all started from my failure...
If I had not foolishly bathed in the sun's light...
Even if the decision for execution was made, if I had searched for another method to the end...
It probably would not have become like this
Adelheid...
It's just as you said...
If Stella was living, I probably would have taken better care of myself.
While there was something for me to protect
Somewhere in my heart I wanted to run away from the days without Stella.


Just as before, everyone hated me
If they wanted my life, they could come and just take it.
Just wanted to atone for that.
...I.

But as long as my existence as an enemy was neccessary for the blood-line.
If any reason existed, I could not be killed.



...Ooi, Akabara!
Until when will you keep up that Kingly attitude?
All those sinless Black Swan women --
How many of your own race do you think you killed!?
Where's the King that killed his bloodline he should have protected?
Not just that...
Four hundred and eighty three...

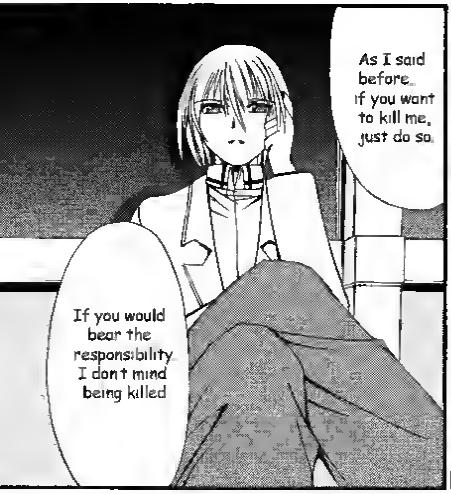

In these 1000 years, there have been 483 Dhampires that I killed directly.
49 women possessed by the Block Swan.
Apart from this, there were about 7600 humans.
Many times when it became a rough fight...
Only human numbers were hurt.
Dhampires maintained their community.
In order to maintain a hostile attitude towards me, I killed them with calculation.
152 deaths were cancentrated in the first 30 years.
In following years, less than 1 death occured each year.

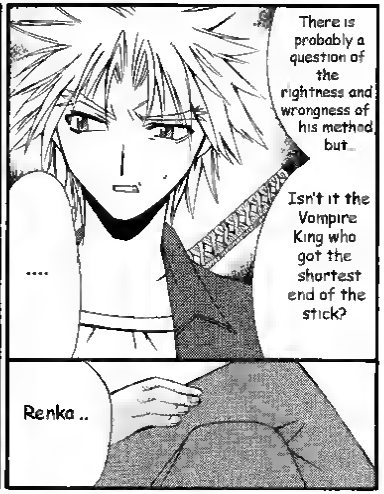
I remember all their names and faces...
--Gren,
Casper,
Norman,
Madorca
Rataal,
Felix,
If it's Strauss, he can do this much ...
There's no way you remembered such a thing--
Stop saying all that!!
Even I remembered all of them
There is no mistake in the numbers...

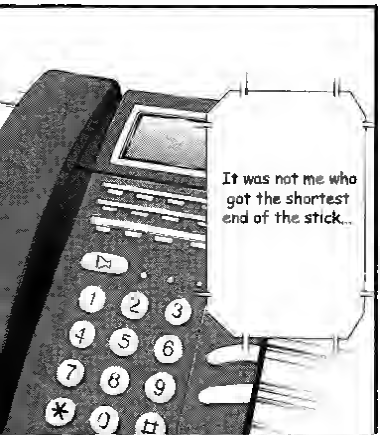
The commanders and governing people...
have to make sacrifices not just in the enemies but among their friends.
So one should be prepared for that.
I was... taught by Strouss...
Even with the best strategy and best government, there will definitely be sacrifices
No one... can proceed forward without sacrifices
Those bearing responsibility can only minimize the sacrifices...
And not to forget those who were sacrificed.
...But...

But we are not just numbers on paper!
There's no way that you could just kill with only such a theory and calculation!
Are you saying that Yuki's sacrifice was within those calculations?!
What you said is completely correct.
I also understand your feelings.
But reality is not ideal...
1000 years ago the Vampire King...
failed because he did not allow the sacrifice of Lady Stella for the sake of the country, right?

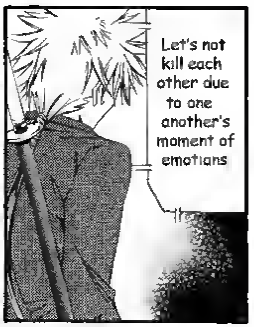
If you are correct, then the Vampire King's failing was also correct...
And the Vampire King trying to sort out his failing as best as he could.

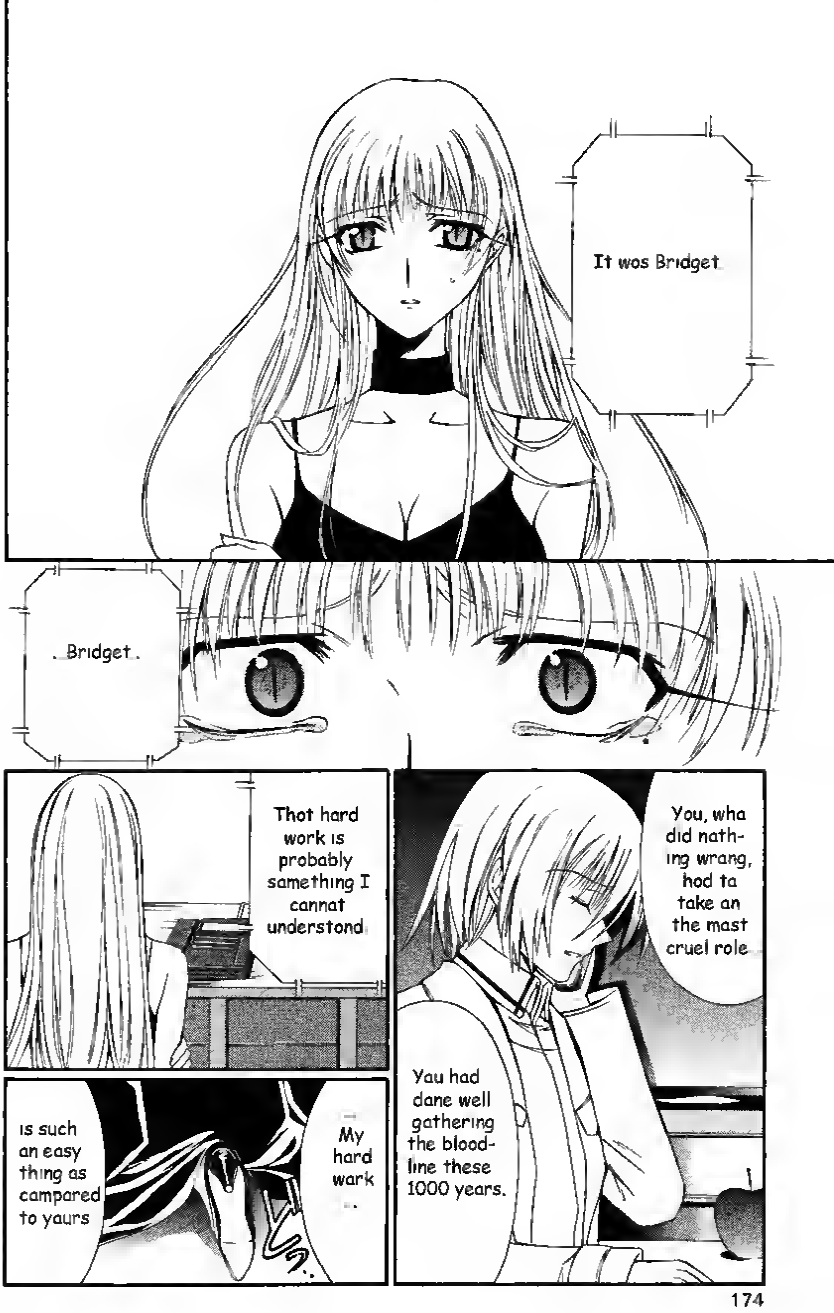

As I said before... if you want to kill me, just do so.
If you would bear the responsibility I don't mind being killed


There is probably a question of the rightness and wrongness of his method but...
Isn't it the Vampire King who got the shortest end of the stick?
....
Renka ..

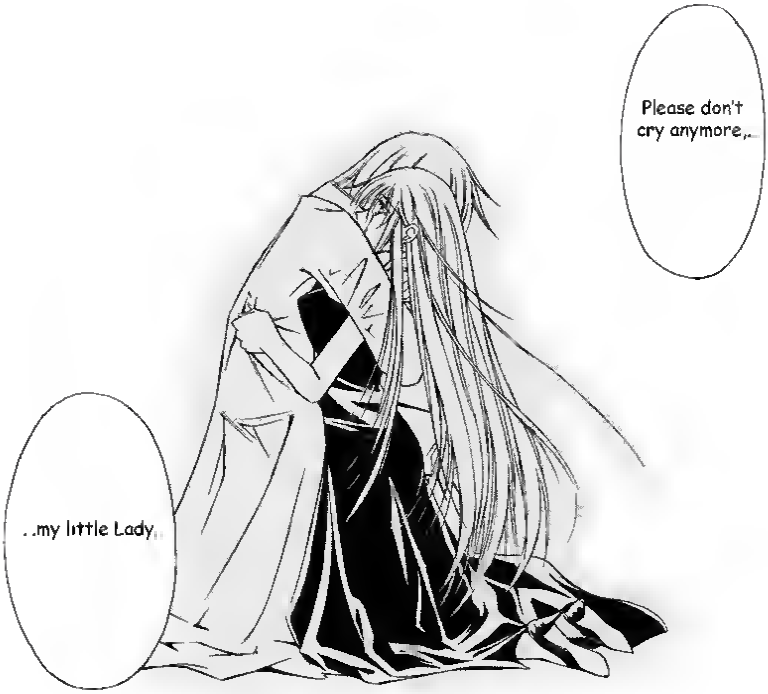

It was not me who got the shortest end of the stick...

And also Morishima

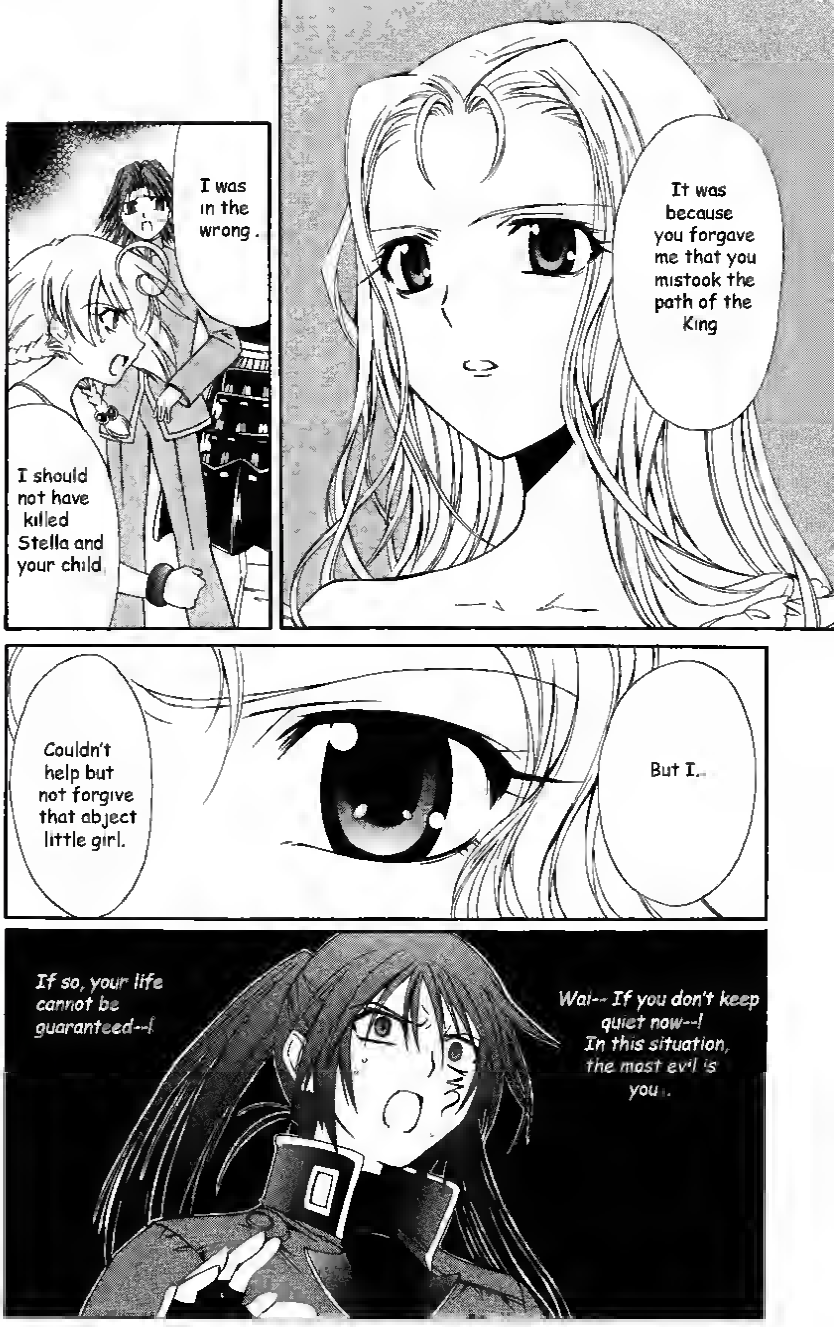

Let's not kill each other due to one another's moment of emotions


It wos Bridget
. Bridget .
Thot hard work is probably samething I cannat understond
You, wha did nathing wrang, hod ta take an the mast cruel role
Yau had dane well gathering the bloodline these 1000 years.
My hard wark ..
is such an easy thing as campared to yaurs

At least I alone should have understood yaur wish.
I should be the one apologising.
I was always too weak, making you you alone...!
If I did, you_
Would not have had to pass 1000 years in pain only!
I just used your feelings for the sake of the bloodline
I chased you so that you would be unable to understond
--Don't be mistaken, Bridget
That's why


Please don't cry anymore,..
..my little Lady,

I feel it might have been better to not know.
Somehow...
Let's commence the continuation of 1000 years ago
--Then, Strauss.
You were supposed to kill me 1000 years ago.


I was in the wrong.
I should not have killed Stella and your child.
It was because you forgave me that you mistook the path of the King
Couldn't help but not forgive that abject little girl.
But I..
If so, your life cannot be guaranteed--!
Wa!-- If you don't keep quiet now--! In this situation, the most evil is you!.

Without giving me justice, there will be no new order for the people
This is no valuable life..
Please give me justice
You have to be punished
Aah, that's true..
You were the one to blame for everything

It would have been alright if you had not killed Stella
Against your indiscretionate lost of control, many people died tragically
Don't do it, Big Sister!
The Queen still has the responsibility of grounding Bikkumouro--!
Get down!
I will take the respons-ibility!
Bloodstained Queen!
Cursed sister of mine, "Moonlight of Corrosion!"

Your sin will not be repaid with a thousand deaths!!
Please don't stop me, Strauss!
Stop!
Bridget...
Yes, that's it..
Big sister has a reason to kill me
There is no meaning of this judge-ment!
Please, I beg you, stop now!
Listen carefully, Bridget--

Adelheid did not kill Stella!
I at first thought that Adelheit was the murderer.
But a year or so after, the true culprit was traced down.

Adelheid tried to carry a crimeless sin for my sake
What is that ...?!
Whaa ...
Don't missunderstand Stella!!
Strauss!!
Stella..

That girl, from her heart...
From her heart...
Loved you...
Stella wished for your happiness to the end!
The girl did not hold a single bit of ill intention!
The mistakes all started from the moment I fell in love with Stella.
I never doubted that...
Yes I understand
...But...

Who had any reason to kill her?!
What is this all about, Strauss ...?
If it was not Adelheid, who was the murderer ...?!
You should have seen it from beginning to end
.. Adelheid, I also do not know exactly what happened
Adelheid?
When I was absent from the Night Kingdom..
Will you tell us?
What happened on the night of the new moon when Stella was killed
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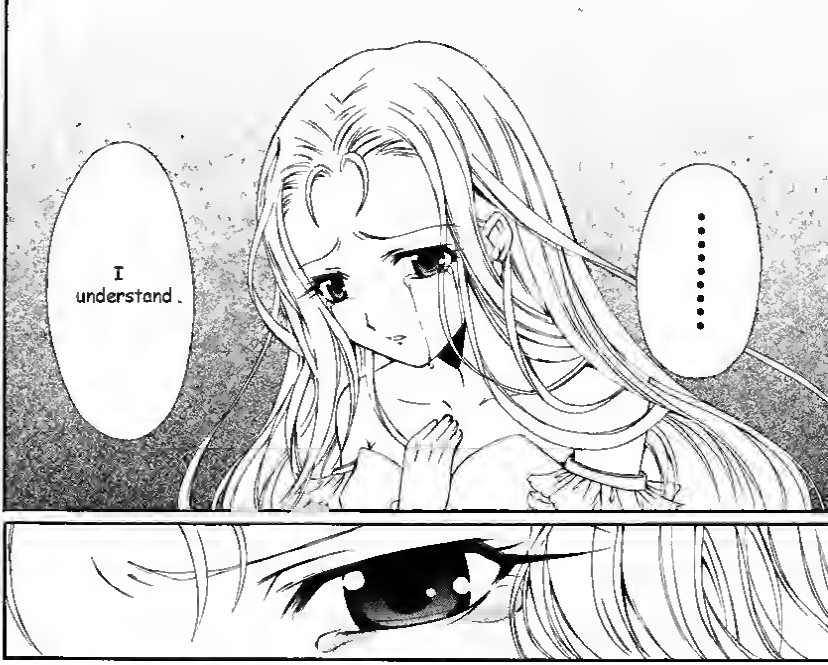
I understand.
.....

That night, I, in order to draw the line with Stella...
Decided to visit that girl's place
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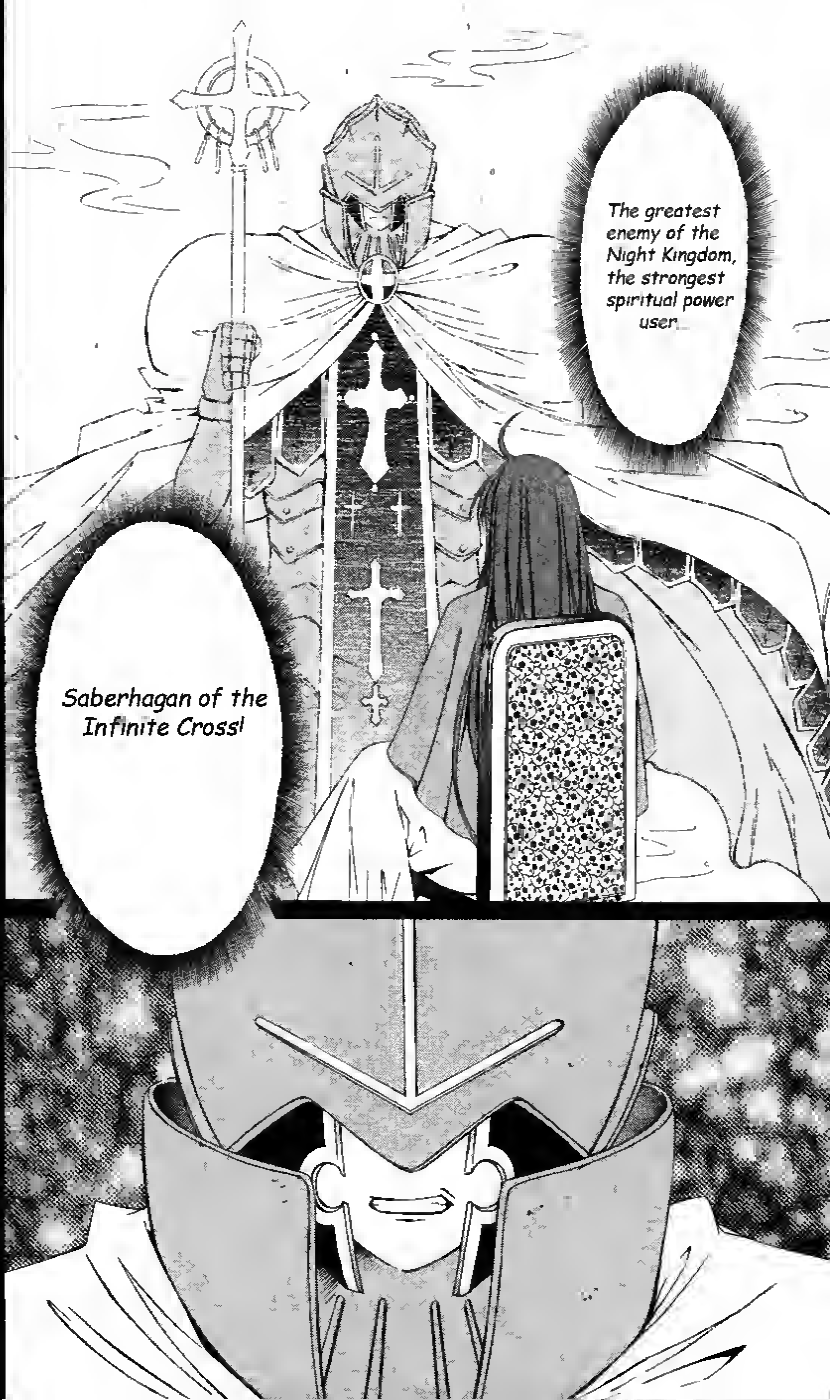
I keep only running owoy
And thinking mean thoughts behind that girl's back.
Tonight I must properly confront Stella!
If possible, shake honds with her too!!
I shall properly recognise her marriage and congratulate her for being with child.
It is concealed but...
The presentance of spiritual energy...?
What is it?!
--Well then, here it goes!!

Really Mother ...
As firm as ever.
Mother?
I heard Stella was an orphan...
Your grandchild will be born soon, so please be a little more gentle--
It is natural that I have cut familial ties with you...
...Even for you to be by Akabara's side that's...
Above that how could I recognise your child with Akabara...!

That man may just be using our relationship for political purposes...
That cursed man!
Let's use this chance to get along better!
I've said that Strauss isn't the type of person Mother thinks he is...
If you do so, you may even be called "Mother" by Strauss!
Wha is that? The person in there...?
That is a spiritual item to talk from faraway places...?
Why does Stella have such a thing!?
Could it be the one Stella is talking to is....
The one she is talking to is--!!


The greatest enemy of the Night Kingdom, the strongest spiritual power user...
Saberhagan of the Infinite Cross!

Yes...
Saberhagan?!
Stella was Saberhagan's daughter.
That...That Stella....!?

And..
That Saberhagan ..
Killed the child in Stella's womb..
What the hell is this? Is this the truth..?
--Hey...what?
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